

# CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER

## REPORT TO N&RN APB

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**Date of report:** 02/03/11

**Report of:** Mark Simmons

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### REPORT TITLE:

#### 1.0 What is the report about?

1.1 Allocation of the Area Partnership Board (APB) funding for 2010-11

#### 2.0 What Decision is required by the APB?

2.1 Members of the APB are asked to allocated the remainder of the APB funding to projects outlined below

#### 3.0 How does the Decision contribute to the Community Strategy Priorities?

3.1 Funding allocated by the APB encourages the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to build on its role by delivering projects such as young people working with older people to develop their IT skills, increases confidence in our services and shows the APB is starting to address local issues such domestic violence and teenage pregnancy.

#### 4.0 Report Details

4.1 The APB Budget sub-group allocated £15,500 when it met in November 2010. The sub-group met again in February 2011 and allocated £10,567 listed in Appendix 1 under 'applications'.  
The amount of APB funding still available is £13,933.  
The APB has received five requests for funding;

APB Visioning day - £1,500

There is now a smaller APB membership and a change in structure and process which has been warmly welcomed by all partners. The APB has key roles and accountabilities listed in its constitution but has not created an overall vision for itself and the area. The visioning day will bring APB members together to create a vision, set objectives and look at its role in terms of leadership. The budget sub-group decided to fund this application but wanted to gain support from the remaining Board members.

Health & Well-being subgroup – up to £8,500

The sub-group has set 5 priorities, one of these being the reduction in teenage pregnancies. The latest data indicates Weaverham is a key area for intervention. N&RN EIP has allocated £40k to train teachers in the Christopher

Winter Programme which is acknowledged as an effective training tool to train teachers in discussing sexual relations education with pupils, in particular teenage pregnancy and offering support and advice which is bespoke to the school. Although many schools have received training there are some that haven't been trained and funding has now been drastically reduced. In order to complete the schools training there is a requirement to raise £16k. EIP have secured £5.5K and Western PCT has donated £2K which leaves a shortfall of £8.5K.

#### Community Engagement sub-group - £3,000

The sub-group have started to map all planned consultation events from agencies for 2011-12 and overlaying this against key events taking place across the APB area. The group are aiming to have a draft Community Engagement Plan by March 2011 which will be presented to the APB in June. The group are currently earmarking several key opportunities to work together to jointly consult with residents and inform them of service activity and are seeking funding to organise events. The group are also earmarking existing events that they can 'piggy-back' off.

#### Voluntary Action Vale Royal – £5,500

VAVR are running 9 play schemes over the school summer holiday period. The play schemes are free of charge to children and young people who attend and they undertake a variety of activities each day. Each play scheme can accommodate 48 young people per day.

Charles Darwin will run for 4 weeks. All other schemes run for 2 weeks and will be held in Lostock, Northwich East (Victoria Road or Rudheath), Barnton, Weaverham, Leftwich, Moulton, Frodsham and Helsby.

A total of 20 weeks play scheme activity will take place in the N&RN APB area which is a reduction on last year which has come about due to analysis of attendance and the recognition that the play schemes were poorly attended in the second two week period.

The total cost for the N&RN area is £15,000.

The N&RN EIP have given £5,000 towards the play schemes.

VAVR have requested help from Parish Councils in Moulton, Barnton, Frodsham, Helsby, Weaverham and Lostock but don't expect more than £500 or so from any of them based on previous experience, a possible £3,000.

Applications are also pending with Muir and Weaver Vale Housing but again not expecting more than £1000 from Muir and £500 from WVHT, a possible £1,500.

If VAVR receive the funding listed above this would amount to £9,500 towards the total of £15,000.

In addition CWaC have agreed to fund a co-ordinator and allocated £5,500.

#### Parish Plan training programme – not known to date

The APB is currently putting together an area action plan based on the priorities being identified by the sub-groups. These priorities will be higher level statistically based priorities but do not reflect the lower level resident led priorities. Ideally each Parish should be encouraged to produce a Parish Plan which involves an independent community group co-ordinating the consultation and putting together the local priorities which are presented to and adopted by

the Parish Council. Only seven out of the current 25 Parish Councils in the N&RN area have a plan most are due for refreshing. In order to produce a Parish Plan the co-ordinating community groups may require up-skilling and it is suggested the APB fund a training programme.

## **5.0 Officer's Recommendations**

5.1 The APB fund the following activity;

Visioning development day £1,500

Community Engagement planning £3,000

Christopher Winter training £8,500

Play schemes £933

Parish planning – to fund this activity next year and allow time for a more developed programme to be put in place.

## **6.0 Reasons for the Recommendation**

6.1 Three of the four applications meet the priorities of the APB and sub-groups and this is a direction that the APB agreed at the last meeting. The play schemes indirectly meet the APB priorities by providing free activity for resident's children.

## **7.0 What will it cost?**

7.1 £13, 933 which is the remaining funds allocated to the APB for 2010-11 and will not place any additional financial constraints on the Council.

## **8.0 What are the legal aspects?**

8.1 None

## **9.0 What risks are there and how can they be reduced?**

9.1 If the APB is unable to allocate the remaining funding the risk will be that the APB will lose the funding all together. The risk can be reduced by allocating all the funding and each group/organisation is ready to proceed with receiving the funding and starting the projects.

## **10.0 What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity issues?**

10.1 The funding allocated by the APB has been given to a variety of different groups/organisations and for numerous types of projects so the APB has not been discriminatory in its approach.

## **11.0 Are there any other options?**

11.1 The APB has the option to not allocate all or some of the funding which would then be returned to the main Council resources.

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***Background Documents:***

*Documents are available for inspection at: Northwich Information Centre*